



## SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



*June 2019*



### *Prayers of The People*

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Ed, Harlow, Mary Ann, Russ, Fr. John, Bill, Jean, Marion, Carol, Charline, Joe, Dawn, Sheri, Nick, Elanor, Nicholas, Tina, Chase, Amy, Nancy, Kaz, Michael, Janna and Jennifer. Deliver them from their distress.**

Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Casey, Nicholas, Jim, Trevor, Aaron, Christine, Alan, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, the 200<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron and the 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Air Force Bomb Squadron. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

### *A Message from Pastor Beverly*

As a follow-up to last months, “Words from the Pastor”, I want to help you better understand the Psalms. There are a number of different kinds of Psalms. If you’ll notice some psalms are lamenting life situations, crying out to God for help. These are referred to as Lament Psalms and can be either sung individually or as a community. Others are psalms of praise, praising and thanking God for some particular help he has offered. These are referred to as Psalms of Praise and they can also be either individually or communally sung.

A Lament Psalm or a psalm of complaint involves our three most basic relationships: our relationship with ourselves, our relationship with others and our relationship with God. It’s almost always a cry for help or deliverance. Psalm 60, is an example of a Communal Lament: “O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses;” and then the psalm goes on to say: “O grant us help against our foes.”

Psalm 3, is more of an individual Lament: “O Lord, how many are my foes!” and then it ends by saying: “Rise up O Lord! Deliver me, O God!”

Psalms of Praise narrate God’s wonderful deeds, and exalt his acts of deliverance, again involving our three primary relationships: ourselves, others and God. Psalm 124 is a Hymn of Communal Praise because it says: “Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.” Where Psalm 30 is an individual Psalm of Praise by saying: “I extol thee O Lord.”

There are a number of other types of Psalms, and these are the four most common types. But, it is important to remember that the Psalms were tied to the Ancient Israelites use in worship. In worship the community reenacted its story of faith so that each generations might participate in the story and envision God’s great deeds.

Next month we will continue to look at the Psalms, exploring who wrote them, possibly when and why.

### *Announcements*

#### *Deacon George’s arrival*

During the summer months, Pastor Beverly will be assisted at the communion table by Episcopal Deacon, George Douglass of Howe, Indiana. Some of his other responsibilities include, reading the gospel lesson, opening the prayers of the people, leading the confession and setting the communion table.

#### *Pentecost Sunday Garden Party*

June 9<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday. Please wear your Saint Thomas polo shirts. You may also wish to dress comfortably as we will be having a garden party and barbecue following the service. Saint Thomas will provide burgers, dogs and buns. Bring annuals to plant along with your favorite side dish or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on kitchen counter. Contact the church office if you have questions.

### ***Stewardship committee survey***

Stewardship is about more than just giving money to the church. It is about giving your time and talent as well. The stewardship committee has sent out surveys asking how you serve, how you would like to serve and when you want the service time to be. Please take a few moments to fill out a stewardship committee survey. Copies are available on the table in the church hall next to the kitchen window or in the church office.

### ***Saint Thomas Saturday***

June 29<sup>th</sup> is the first Saint Thomas Saturday. Please wear your polo shirts that day when you go out in the community to remind others that we are here and ready to love and serve. If you still do not have a shirt, but would like to get one, please contact Sue in the church office.

### ***Farwell Party for Bonnie Daniels***

After serving as our church organist for over ten years, Bonnie Daniels has announced that she is leaving so that she may serve her church, United Church of Christ in Oak Harbor as their choir and music director. A Farwell party and luncheon will be held in her honor. The date and time is TBA.

### ***Vestry Meeting Information***

Here is a summary of topics discussed at the May 2019 church vestry meeting: Investment values were up significantly over the same period last year. However, this calculation was made before “Trade” talks with China resumed. Pastor Beverly discussed her upcoming vacation dates. There was further discussion about splitting up coffee hour hosting and ushering duties. Plans were finalized to participate in Eagle Parade on Memorial Day weekend. Bill Moon discussed the cost of repairing leaks in the sanctuary windows. It was announced that updates had been made to the church website. The church also discussed beginning the search for a new organist/pianist when Bonnie Daniels leaves in September.

### ***Future Announcements***

Please send future church email announcement submissions to [saintthomaspcch@gmail.com](mailto:saintthomaspcch@gmail.com), or you can call Sue at 419-743-3404.

### ***June Birthdays***

Larry Janes, June 1<sup>st</sup>

William Caswell and Mairlyn Thomas, Jun 15<sup>th</sup>

Alex Thomas, Jun 30<sup>th</sup>

Look with favor we pray on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

*Please let us know the date of your birthday so that we may include it in future newsletters.*



### ***Whose Serving You? Larry Janes***

Larry was drafted on to the vestry a number of years ago, and has served faithfully ever since. A native Port Clinton resident, he married his High School “Sweetheart” and they have two sons, Josh and Nathan. Retiring after 38 years with U.S. Gypsum Corp., he now keeps himself busy with his five Grandchildren; Gabby, Bailey, Cole, Kailea and Rowen. They love their Grandfather, especially when his pool is open for summer!

He’s a “die hard” UT men’s basketball fan and has seen every one of their home games, plus all their tournaments. He’s had his picture taken with Rocky the Rocket many times. He’s a TREKKIE, and has all the paraphernalia that goes with being a TREKKIE. He’s also the proud owner of Model Lionel train sets, and an avid American Eagle coin collector. He owns one of the last Ford Thunderbird sedans, purchased in 1997 and hopes to get it detailed, soon.

But he has the most fun when he dresses up and takes his grandkids to The Comic Convention each year. He’s soft spoken, but has an infectious laugh that makes everyone else laughing along with him.



Larry sits at his dining room table with his boxer bulldog mix, Snooki.

**Recipes of the month:**

(These recipes were submitted to the 1938 edition of the Saint Thomas' Church Junior Guild Cookbook by Mrs. William Moon and Mrs. George Wenger).

**Never Fail Devils' Food Cake**



**Ingredients:**

***3/4 cup butter***  
***2 cups sugar***  
***1/2 cup cocoa***  
***3 eggs***  
***2 1/2 cups flour***  
***1 cup sour milk or buttermilk***  
***1 t. soda***  
***1 t. vanilla***  
***1 cup black walnuts, if desired***

**Instructions:**

Cream butter and sugar, add beaten egg yolks and vanilla. Then, add soda, to milk and alternate with flour. Mix cocoa with as little water as possible and add to mixture. Then, fold in beaten egg whites and nuts. Bake in 3 layer pans at moderate oven, 375 degrees for 25 minutes or in angel food pan for 60 minutes.

**Icing for chocolate cake**

Mix together 6T. brown sugar, 4T. cream and a lump of butter. Pour [mixture] into confectioners' sugar until right consistency. [Pour over cake and serve when set.]

**Joke of the month**

A Sunday school teacher asked her class what they thought Noah did while he was on the ark. They all looked at her baffled. Then she asked, "Do you suppose with all that water around he did a lot of fishing?"

A little boy scoffed and said, "He couldn't do much fishing with only two worms."

**Pictures from around Town**



Alexa, Tyler, Joey and Charli pose next to Mike Mabee's car as they wait to walk in the Fraternal Order of the Eagle Parade on Memorial Day Weekend.

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